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SUBJECT: SPANISH SAHARA: OULD DADDAH REITERATES CALL FOR  
SAHARA DECOLONIZATION PER UNGA RESOLUTIONS

1. SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA HAVE AGREED  
TO HAVE COMMON CAUSE IN SEEKING ICJ ADVISORY OPINION ON  
SAHARA ISSUE, GIRM CONTINUES QUIETLY TO PUSH ITS CLAIM TO THE  
TERRITORY AND TO OBLIQUELY REITERATE ITS PRESENCE FOR  
EARLY DECOLONIZATION VIA UN-SPONSTRED REFERENDUM.

2. IN HIS NOVEMBER 28 STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS, PRESIDENT  
OULD DADDAH REITERATED GIRM LINE ON SAHARA ISSUE IN  
A MANNER CALCULATED TO AVOID REOPENING CONTROVERSY WITH  
MOROCCO. HE APPEALED TO SPANISH TO PROCEED WITH DECOLONIZATION

CONFORMANT TO UNGA, ARAB LEAGUE AND OAU RESOLUTIONS.  
WITH REGARD TO MOROCCO, THE PRESIDENT NOTED THAT THE TWO  
STATES HAD AGREED TO SEEK ICJ ADVISORY OPINION ON THE ISSUE  
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AND THAT RABAT HAD "RECOGNIZED" MAURITANIA'S RIGHTS (TO

BE INVOLVED) IN THE SAHARA CONTROVERSY. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT IN CONSULTATIONS INVOLVING THE ICJ OR OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES, MAURITANIA WOULD BE GUIDED BY UNITED NATIONS DECISIONS. SUCH CONSULTATIONS, HE ADDED, COULD ONLY CONFIRM THE CULTURAL, ECONOMIC, RELIGIOUS AND HUMAN TIES WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THE SAHARA AND MAURITANIA.

3. COMMENT: THOUGH GIRM IS OBVIOUSLY ANXIOUS TO AVOID ANGERING MOROCCO AND TO MAINTAIN SEMBLANCE OF ARAB UNITY ON THE ISSUE, WOULD DADDAH'S WORDS CAN BE TAKEN TO MEAN ONLY ONE THING: MAURITANIA HAS NOT DROPPED ITS CLAIM TO THE SAHARA TERRITORY AND IT STILL FAVORS AN EARLY UN-SPONSORED REFERENDUM (AS CALLED FOR BY THE UNGA AND OAU) TO SETTLE THE SOVEREIGNTY QUESTION POSED BY MOROCCO. SHURTLESF

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